

Information Technology Resource Management Council

Public Safety E911 Systems Subcommittee
Proposed amendments discussion to the
Emergency Communications Act



911 Service in Idaho

- Over 95% of Idahoans have some form of 911
- The majority of Idahoans have enhanced 911
- Approximately 50% of the state is geographically covered by 911 or a seven digit number for public safety



Idaho's Growth in Wireless Communication

- Wireless devices are proliferating at a high rate
- Revenue streams from land line phones are beginning to drop because of wireless phone growth



Ada County Dispatch Center

June, 2002

- Total 911 calls received were 12,253
- Wireless calls included in the above were 7,221 or **59%** of all 911 calls, up from 55% the previous year



Idaho Parallels National Trends

- Dramatic increase in wireless phone subscribers
- Dramatic increase in wireless 911 calls



Why Do People Purchase Wireless Phones?

- According to FCC surveys 62% of users say their primary purpose for using wireless phones are for Safety and Security reasons



Emergency Communications Act

- The ECA requires a consolidated public safety dispatch center
- County wide or regional
- A vote of the people (60% approval)



Idaho Counties That Have Enacted The Emergency Communications Act

- 29 of 44 counties have enacted the ECA
- Those counties that do not participate are;
Blaine, Bonner, Boundary, Camas, Clark,
Clearwater, Freemont, Gem, Lewis,
Minidoka, Nezperce, Oneida, Owyhee,
Power and Washington



What Does a Community Get From The ECA?

- Money---up to \$1
- More efficient and better distributed public safety information
- The funds can be spent for the initiation, maintenance, or enhancement of a consolidated emergency communications system



Proposed Legislation Relating to The Emergency Communications Act

- More clearly defines wireless provider and user
- Limits expenditure of funds
- Creates a Statewide 911 Access Fee
- Creates a State 911 Funding Committee
- Creates State 911 Account
- Creates State 911 Coordinator
- Allocates Funds



Projected Revenue to State Funding Committee

- 800 thousand land line telephones
- 800,000 wireless telephones
- 84.6% of state's population is under ECA
- \$4.06 million annually

